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## **Navy Releases Request for Proposals for NMCI Follow-On**

**ARLINGTON, Va.** - The Navy released a request for proposals (RFP) May 10 for the Next Generation Enterprise Network (NGEN) that establishes the acquisition approach to provide more flexible and adaptable IT network services for the Department of the Navy (DoN).

Proposals from competing industry teams are due July 18 and the Navy expects to announce the NGEN contract(s) award decision in February 2013.

"Throughout our development of the NGEN RFP, we have gained insight from our industry partners as we progressed toward competing services for the world's largest enterprise network," said Capt. Shawn P. Hendricks, program manager for the Naval Enterprise Networks Program Office.

Hendricks noted that extensive industry engagement solidified program requirements to provide the enterprise network services for Sailors, Marines and DoN employees.

NMCI connects more than 800,000 users utilizing 384,000 workstations at more than 3,000 shore-based locations throughout the United States, Hawaii and Japan.

"The network we have been entrusted with carries the DNA of our Navy and Marine Corps," Hendricks said. "Nearly everything that the Navy and Marine Corps do is originated in NMCI computers, found in storage that it provides and transmitted from around the globe across its wires."

All services currently provided by NMCI will be transitioned to NGEN, which will be managed differently than its predecessor. In addition to being government-owned, periodic competition for the network's services will decrease costs and will drive technological innovation. NGEN will be an evolutionary network by which new technologies can be more readily implemented while maximizing information assurance against cyber threats.

NGEN is part of the Navy Enterprise Networks program under the Program Executive Office for Enterprise Information Systems. PEO EIS oversees a portfolio of Navy-wide information technology programs designed to enable common business processes and provide standard IT capabilities to Sailors and Marines and their support systems.

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